

# York County City of Poquoson

5338-I George Washington  
Memorial Highway  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
york.ext.vt.edu



## Community Voices

“York/Poquoson Master Gardeners showcase a variety of plants in their two learning gardens. Plants range from trees to groundcovers to vegetables – both native and non-native. Come see what might thrive in your yard.”



**Mary Boxer**

VCE Master Gardener

# 13

Schools that have the  
4-H Schoolyard Habitats  
Outreach program

## Partners for Solutions

“Our 4-H Schoolyard Habitats Outreach program provides an outdoor classroom for all subject matters along with SOL connection materials so that all teachers have the opportunity to get their students outside. Volunteers from our various groups – Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and 4-H – work together to maintain and utilize these living classrooms.”



**Megan Tierney**

Agent



York County has two community gardens that provide space for citizens to learn and grow.

## Sharing Knowledge

Part of York County has been identified as food insecure. The people living in that area have a life expectancy 10-15 years less than their food secure neighbors.

We are working with a professor from Old Dominion University to establish dialogues to find out the best way to meet needs in order to improve their food security and well-being. The goal is to make York County the first completely food secure county in Virginia.

The York County Extension Office recently worked with the county to create a new community garden at Charles Brown Park, which is located in a food insecure neighborhood. It is scheduled to open in 2023. This garden will offer a place for citizens in that area to learn how to grow fresh food to supplement their household groceries.

# York County/City of Poquoson

## Funding by Source



**37% State**

**30% Local**

**13% Federal**

**20% Other**

**Total Funding: \$226,437**

**\$2.32**

return on investment  
for every dollar  
invested by the  
localities in York  
County/City of  
Poquoson

**\$649,788**

Value of extension  
volunteer hours  
in York County/City of  
Poquoson

To find out how you can support your local Extension office,  
**visit [www.cals.vt.edu/make-a-gift](http://www.cals.vt.edu/make-a-gift).**



January 20, 2023

### Sign Up for AARP Tax Aide Offered at Senior Center

Getting help preparing your taxes is available again this year.

Volunteers are providing this service for free to those who make an appointment at the Senior Center. Registering is easy: Visit the Senior Center on one of the following dates – January 26, 27, 28, or 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., pick up a tax packet, and schedule your appointment! Free Tax services begin February 1.

Participants should bring last year's tax returns and all current tax information to their scheduled appointment. For more information, please call the Senior Center at 757-890-3444. The Senior Center is located in the Washington Square Shopping Center on Route 17. Preference is given to those age 60 and up.



### Keep Your Family Safe with Free Gun Locks from the Sheriff's Office

Citizens of York County and Poquoson are eligible to receive a free gun lock and firearm safety educational material from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. Individuals interested in the Project ChildSafe program may stop by the office (301 Goodwin Neck Road) during business hours of 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. Those who are unable to stop by the office can fill out a [Home Delivery form](#).

### Interested in Serving the Community? Become a Volunteer!

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available in York County, including coaches for sports programs, park ambassadors, summer camps, Senior Center activities, and special events. Signing up is easy—visit the website and complete the online [Volunteer Services Application](#).

After a review, volunteers will attend an orientation program (varies by program and event). Then the fun begins and you'll receive your assignment!

**York/Poquoson Cooperative Extension** is also seeking volunteers for this summer's **4-H camp** (July 31 – August 4). Call the Extension Office at 757-890-4940.



## Shop Local Artists in Historic Yorktown



Looking for a warm spot to shop this winter? Look no further than the Gallery at York Hall, located at 301 Main Street, where you can purchase custom-made paintings, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, quilts, and other pieces from more than 300 local artists. Don't forget to present your Citizen Reward Card to receive 10% off your purchase. If you are a York County resident and don't have a card, ask for one at the front desk. The card is free to residents. The Gallery at York Hall is open from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday until March 30. Beginning April 1, the Gallery extends its business hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. And, by the way, the Gallery is 100% operated by volunteers!

## Grant Writing Workshop February 2

The York County Arts Commission is holding a grant writing workshop at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, in York Hall (301 Main Street). Designed for area non-profit groups interested in applying for a grant, this workshop includes detailed information about the application process along with a Q&A session. Register by calling 757-890-4102 or by [email](#).

**Additional Notes for the Week...**The **Waste Management Center** is closing at 3 p.m. tomorrow (1/21), which includes the citizen drop off center, recycling and transfer station, and compost facility. Artist applications for the Sunday, May 7 “**Art at the River**” **Juried Art Show** are due no later than **February 1**. See the [application](#) for more information.

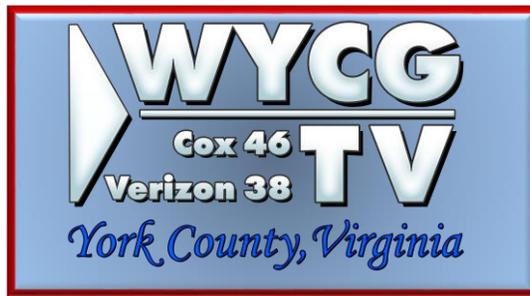
**Are you Good  
with Numbers?**

**WE'RE HIRING**

Payroll Administrator  
Accountant I/II  
Administrative Technician - Finance  
Revenue Specialist - Business License  
Treasury Specialist

Find out more and apply today: [www.yorkcounty.gov/jobs](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/jobs)

*Citizen News Weekly* is compiled and published by York County Public Affairs each Friday to share news and events with our citizens and neighbors. This weekly newsletter is placed on our [website](#) and delivered directly to your inbox. Questions? Contact Gail Whittaker, Public Information Officer: 757-890-3310 or [whittgl@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:whittgl@yorkcounty.gov).



## Yorktown Library Dedication Ceremony Premieres Tonight on WYCG-TV



In December, the new Yorktown Library was celebrated with an official dedication ceremony. WYCG-TV was there to capture the event and get a first look at the new space taking shape. Tune in and see for yourself what all the excitement is about!

This new program now airs daily on WYCG-TV or [on demand](#).

Don't have cable? WYCG-TV (Cox 46/Verizon 38) is easily accessed from your desktop or mobile device at [yorkcounty.gov/tv](http://yorkcounty.gov/tv)

**York County Public Affairs**

**Paula Hersh, Public Affairs Manager**  
757-890-3324